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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the Title of the Invention as follows:

IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND RECORDING MEDIUM WITH COLOR IMAGE COMPACTING

Please amend the first full paragraph in page 24 as follows:

Still another way is possible. That is, instead of image interpolation means 15 in Fig. 8, image smoothing means 17 as shown in FIG. 10 is provided to photo image processing means 100 for do smoothing on bit map images generated by image restoring means 14.